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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

LUBITZ, et al.

Examiner: W. Sandals

Appln. No.: 09/147,693

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: February 17, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 2923-308

For: NEW SYSTEMS FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 26, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the November 26, 2002 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due February 26, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 46, 48, and 73-76, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 71 as set forth on the following pages.

A marked-up copy of the amended claim is attached to this Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Deleted material is enclosed in brackets and inserted material is underlined.